

# **Recommendation for Council Action**

Austin City Council Item ID 18381 Agenda Number 37.

Meeting Date: 9/27/2012 Department: Library

## Subject

Approve an ordinance accepting \$2,500 in grant funds from the National Endowment for the Humanities and amending the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Library Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund to appropriate \$2,500 to support library programs.

## Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available from the National Endowment for the Humanities. The grant period is August 1, 2012 through December 31, 2013.

### Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

| Purchasing Language:             |  |
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| Prior Council Action:            | September 12, 2011 - Council approved the Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2011-2012;<br>Ordinance No.20110912-005 |
| For More Information:            | Susan Soy, Library Development Administrator, 974-7388, Victoria Rieger, Library Financial Manager, 974-7446.      |
| Boards and<br>Commission Action: |  |
| MBE / WBE:                       |  |
| Related Items:                   |  |

### Additional Backup Information

This \$2,500 grant award from the National Endowment for the Humanities is a public program featuring documentary film screenings and scholar-led discussions of twentieth-century American popular music. The six sessions focus on blues and gospel, Broadway, jazz, bluegrass and country, rock n' roll, and mambo and hip-hop. The grant is designed to provide outreach and programming assistance to libraries in an effort to encourage and strengthen the teaching, study, and understanding of American history and culture.

This funding provides the Austin Public Library the opportunity to engage in community dialogue using the program series titled: "America's Music: A Film History of Our Popular Music from Blues to Bluegrass to Broadway". The Terrazas Branch Library will be the location for the film series and supplemental programs will be offered at various venues with support from partners such as The Dolph Briscoe Center for American History and the Earnest Butler School of Music as well as individuals with film and music expertise in the community. These partnerships provide community engagement opportunities that are beneficial to the organizations involved and inspiring to the public.

| The Austin Public Library will place the film package provided by the grant in its catalog and circulate the collection to the public.                               |  |
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| All department grant application requests are reviewed by the Budget Office prior to submission to ensure that the grant minimized the financial impact to the City. |  |
| The General Fund will not be required to contribute to this grant.   |  |
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